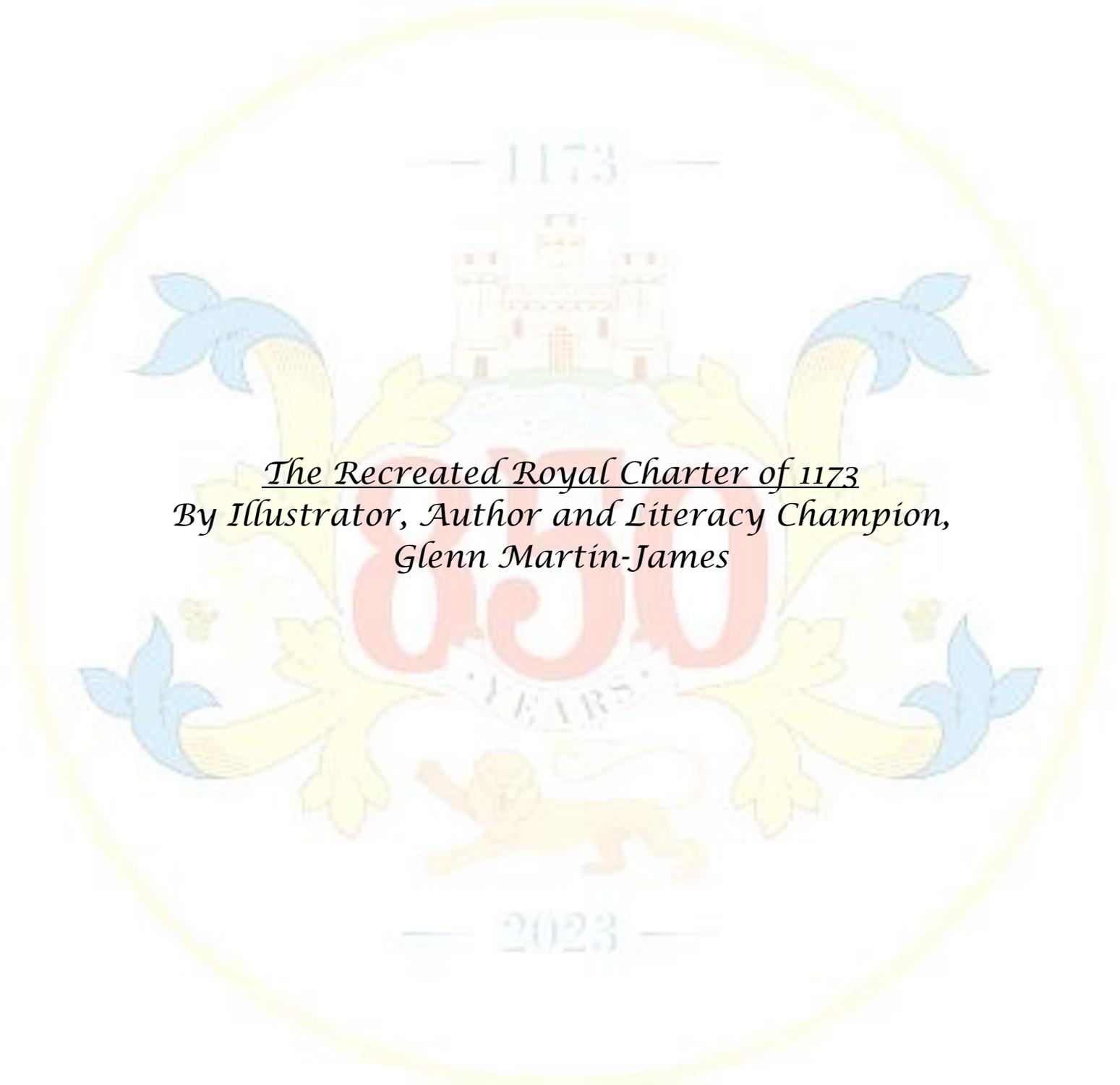




A Special Council meeting to celebrate the
850th Anniversary of the granting of the
Royal Charter to the
Loyal and Ancient Borough of
Newcastle-under-Lyme



The Recreated Royal Charter of 1173
By Illustrator, Author and Literacy Champion,
Glenn Martin-James



Henry, King of the English Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to his justices Sheriffs and ministers of the whole of England, Greetings.

Now that I have granted that the town of Newcastle-under-Lyme is a free burg forever, and know that I have granted to my citizens who are of the merchant guild, all their liberties and free customs within the borough and without, that they may have them everywhere as fully, freely and quietly and honorably. And that the men of the same town and their heirs be free burgesses. And they shall try and determine there the pleas of the town under supervision of the said reeve, and according to the consideration of my burgesses.

Now ye that I have granted to all my burgesses of Newcastle-under-Lyme their merchant guild with all the customs which they had in the time of my father and my ancestors. That there shall be a free market every Sunday as there is now and is wont to be and two acres of land to every burgage. And that the aforesaid burgesses should have common pasture for their animals in the common pasture of the aforesaid borough according to their burgages which they have in the same borough as they were hitherto wont. And if by chance that it should happen that any of these burgesses die, and has made his devise of his property contained in this fee, it shall be valid. Any burgess may sell his land and go where he will, unless that land be in challenge. And in my forest of Newcastle-under-Lyme, timber for their buildings and wood for their hearth under supervision of my foresters. Wherefore I will... that they have and hold their aforesaid liberties and laws and customs and their tenements with sake and socage and toll and team and infangthief.

Wherefore I will and firmly command that they have and hold their guild with all its liberties and free customs as best they were wont to have in the times of King Henry.

Let no one presume to incur a forfeiture on this account.

Witness,

His Worshipfulness the Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme at 850 Councillor Simon White,

Simon White

Councillor Simon Tagg, leader of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council,

Simon Tagg



Recreated for the 850th Anniversary of the Town By illustrator, Author, and Literacy Champion Glenn Martin James

Glenn Martin James
Thursday 1st June 2023

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Agenda

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PLEASE NOTE THAT PRAYERS WILL BE HELD AT 6.50PM BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

THE MAYOR REQUESTS THAT ANY MEMBER WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN PRAYERS BE IN ATTENDANCE BY NO LATER THAN 6.45PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Borough Council of Newcastle-under-Lyme, celebrating the 850th Anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter and to appoint Honorary Aldermen. To be held in the Queen Elizabeth II & Astley Rooms - Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 1BL on Wednesday, 28th June, 2023 at 7.00 pm.

B U S I N E S S

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items contained within this agenda.

3 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

(Pages 13 - 17)

To receive the earliest set of Minutes recorded by the Council, dated 1368.

4 HISTORY OF THE BOROUGH

(Pages 21 - 26)

To receive an address from Honorary Freeman of the Borough, Mr Jim Worgan

5 AN 850TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

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On the 850th anniversary of its Royal Charter, this Council looks back, with pride on the history and achievements of our ancient and loyal Borough and forward with optimism to its further progress and success.

- 6 *HIGH STEWARD* (Pages 31 - 34)
- 7 *850TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND LEGACY* (Pages 37 - 42)
- 8 *APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN FOR* (Pages 45 - 54)
THE BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

To present the following, newly appointed Honorary Aldermen with their Certificates.

Silvia Burgess; Julie Cooper; Tony Kearon; Mary Maxfield; Mark Olszewski; Marion Reddish; Kyle Robinson-Payne; Elizabeth Shenton; Sandra Simpson and June Walklate.

A copy of the report to Council proposing the appointments, dated 23 November, 2022 is attached.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin T. Handley". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Chief Executive